

THE QUEEN'S PENSION.

THE COUNCIL TAKES UP A REDUCTION MEASURE.

A Plan to Cut Her Bounty Down to Five Hundred Dollars a Month, —Other Business.

The Executive and Advisory Council met this morning at 10 o'clock. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The Secretary read a petition from Mr. Wetmore of the Chicago Tribune, asking to be allowed to take to Chicago, for exhibition, the American flag which was raised over the government building on February 1, 1893.

The question was discussed at some length and it was at last decided to defer action in the matter until after the arrival of the next mail steamer from the Coast.

Hon. W. F. Allen read the Committee's report on the disposition of the Palace property. It was stated that after thorough investigation and examination the Committee had arrived at the conclusion that all presents made to the sovereigns heretofore were private property, and they had conducted the apportionment of the effects in the Palace upon this basis.

The Committee further reported that at present they were unable to decide as to the property claimed by the Hale Nana Society and would be compelled to suspend judgment until further evidence could be taken from persons now absent.

The Judiciary Committee reported several items, among which was a recommendation that the sentence of death, hanging against the Japanese murderer Matsuda, be commuted to imprisonment for life. An explanation was given that the man was convicted on circumstantial evidence entirely, and that his attorney, a native, had neglected to take exceptions and bring the matter properly before the higher courts. The report was adopted.

In answer to an inquiry President Dole stated that the Sheldon case was before the Court in banco, but that no decision had yet been handed down. It is expected that the decision will be filed on Monday next.

Mr. Emmelhut criticised the unwarranted publication of gross attacks in certain newspapers, not only on the government but against the American Minister, and stated that the Council should take some steps in the matter.

Attorney-General Smith stated that he had under consideration certain of these violent publications and would likely take action therein before long. An inquiry as to what had been done regarding the Beef Trust drew out considerable discussion from members and brought out the fact that the Board of Health was considering the question of establishing a public slaughter house near Honolulu.

Strong objections were raised by members against continuing Mr. G. W. C. Jones as inspector for slaughtering of beef. He was openly charged with incompetency and instances were cited where cattle had been left in the pens for long periods before slaughtering without food or water.

President Dole stated he was glad such reports had been brought directly to the Council for action, and upon motion the matter was referred to the Board of Health for immediate consideration.

At eleven o'clock the Council went into Executive session.

The Council met again at 1 p.m. An act was passed confirming a contract licensing the taking of fertilizers from Laysan Island, reserving a royalty of 50 cents per ton to be paid the Hawaiian Government.

An act granting to the North Pacific Phosphate and Fertilizing Co. the right to mine for sulphur bearing products in the Hawaiian Islands for twenty years was passed with slight amendments.

The Judiciary Committee was instructed to prepare a general act covering the manufacture of fertilizers.

J. A. McCandless offered a resolution that Liliuokalani be hereafter paid \$500 per month by the Provisional Government of the Hawaiian Islands, so long as she, in good faith, carries out certain conditions and restrictions, relating to political matters, which would be prescribed by the Executive and Advisory Councils.

Cecil Brown raised a point of order against the resolution, and favored a special session.

Mr. McCandless spoke strongly in favor of a public discussion of the question in open session.

S. M. Damon believed the discussion should take place in special session. Mr. Emmelhut very earnestly advocated open session, declaring the council had already held too many secret sessions. He moved that hereafter a motion for special session should state the business to be transacted. The motion was lost.

At 2:05 o'clock, the council went into special session with closed doors. Later—just before going to press we learn that action on the Queen's salary resolution was postponed.

Goes Back to the Queen.

James W. Robertson, Chamberlain of the ex-Queen, will vacate his offices in the basement of the Palace to-morrow. It is understood an inventory of effects will be made to-day and all government properties in his hands will be turned over to the proper authorities. Mr. Robertson's salary from the Provisional Government ceases to-day, but he will likely remain in the employment of Mrs. Dominis, during the pendency and settlement of the present political difficulties.

THE MONARCHISTS MEET.

They Hear Speeches and Adopt a Set of Resolutions.

The three crows of royalty, John Cummins, Joseph Nawahi and John E. Bush, addressed a crowd of natives in the Palace Square last evening.

Cummins told the Hawaiians that they ought to show their patriotism to the Kamehamehas by sustaining Liliuokalani—whose family by the way, got the throne through the downfall of the Kamehameha line and has been hated by the natives for it ever since. Nawahi followed with a diffuse talk about the power of Col. Blount—this will amuse the Colonel—to upset the provisional government and assured the natives that they had made a good impression on the gallant Georgian.

The speech of John E. Bush was in singular contrast to his legislative addresses and editorials in times past. He came out strong for royalty and denied certain well understood facts about the new Constitution. In conclusion he offered the following resolutions which were adopted and will be given to Colonel Blount.

Whereas, His Excellency Grover Cleveland, President of the United States of America, has honored the Hawaiian nation by sending to us the Hon. James H. Blount as a Special Commissioner, to find out the true wishes of the Hawaiian people as to the proposed annexation of their country to their great friend the United States. Therefore, we the people of the Hawaiian Islands in mass meeting assembled, take this mode of submitting our appeal and expression of our unanimous wishes to the people of our great and good friend the Republic of the United States of America, with whom we always entertained the most cordial relation, whom we have learned to look upon as our patrons and most reliable protectors, and in whose honor, integrity and sense of justice and equity we have ever confidently relied for investigation into the grievous wrongs that have been committed against us as a people, against the person of our sovereign and the independence of our land.

And while we are anxious to promote the closest and most intimate political and commercial relations with the United States, we do not believe that the time has yet come for us to be deprived of our nationality and of our sovereign by annexation to any foreign power. And therefore we do hereby earnestly and sincerely pray that the great wrong committed against us may be righted by the restoration of the independent autonomy and Constitutional Government of our Kingdom under our beloved Queen Liliuokalani, in whom we have the utmost confidence as a conscientious and popular ruler.

NEWS IN A NUT-SHELL.

Warmer weather again. If you don't take the STAR, you don't get the news.

Prof. Charlter will leave for the coast on the China.

The membership boom in the Annexation Club continues.

The Kawaiahao church concert was postponed until this evening.

The Rush will return next week leaving the Commissioner here.

Hereafter government officials will be paid on the first of each month.

It is expected that the Masonic temple will be ready to dedicate in June.

Commissioner Blount's cottage is overrun just now with bouquets and leis.

Thirty natives and five foreigners signed the annexation roll at Ewa to-day.

Arthur McDonald Hitchfield is canvassing the city for subscribers to this paper.

The schooner Piltz took a crew of Japanese on her voyage to San Francisco.

Company D (battery) will drill this evening. Every member is requested to attend.

There are suspicious gatherings of natives every night in the ex-Queen's back yard.

C. R. Bishop has given \$5000 to the Honolulu Library and Reading Room Association.

Commissioner Blount called at the Foreign Office this morning and was there for half an hour.

Tourists are not well posted on the passport system, and many of them leave the country without their papers.

The naphtha launch owned by Dr. Trousseau which has once been a steamer has now been transformed into a sloop.

The medals to be contested for, by the "Pacific Wheelmen" boys, next Saturday, are on exhibition at Wichman's.

All advertisements handed in will be set as fast as possible. Those that have not yet appeared are in the printer's hands.

The Mariposa is expected to bring up a large number of Australian passengers who want to be on hand at Chicago when the world's fair opens.

Judge Cooper has sent a consignment of palm, algeroba, monkey-pod and other seeds to be experimented with at San Diego where he formerly lived.

Services were held by the Second Congregation of St. Andrew's Cathedral this morning at 9:45. There will be another service this evening at 6:30.

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society will be held to-morrow evening at the residence of Mr. W. W. Hall at 7:30 o'clock.

Letters of inquiry come in every mail from the coast regarding property values in Honolulu. If annexation is had there will be a lively influx of boomers.

Two marines deserted duty at the Government building last night, but returned later when they learned the police were after them. They were the same men that gave the patrol such a chase of few nights ago.

A large picture of the Hawaiian Commissioners and Minister J. Mott Smith is on exhibition in the window of the Hawaiian News Company. Beneath the photograph is printed "With compliments of Mail and Express of New York." The picture belongs to Commissioner W. C. Wilder.

THE SUSPENDED TREATY.

How it is Regarded by the Hawaiian Sugar Men.

C. Bolte contributed the following letter to the *Chronicle* special correspondent under date of March 9, a few papers containing which came on the Rush.

The general feeling among the cane growers toward the proposed treaty is expressed by C. Bolte, manager of large sugar estates on the island of Oahu, in terms as follows:

"I think that the treaty as published is entirely satisfactory and all that could be expected. Under it Hawaii becomes a part of the United States, and the citizens or people residing in this part of the United States, I expect, will have the same rights and the same obligations as all other people of the United States. Whether the present bounty be considered or the now-existing reciprocity agreements with European countries, Cuba, Brazil, etc., be abrogated and the duty be reimposed on sugar I trust that we shall have the benefit of either the bounty or the duty.

"For any privileges that we may desire we shall probably have to pay, and if the privilege of importing Chinese laborers is granted to us we may, during the time we do have such privilege, have to be contented with 1 1/2 instead of 2 cents a pound bounty; or if a duty is levied on sugar imported from foreign countries of say 1 1/2 cents a pound, we may have to say perhaps 1 cent per pound duty on all sugar that is shipped to San Francisco, and thus only receive the benefit of 1 cent a pound. It is essential that we should have the privilege of importing Chinese agricultural laborers, at least for such a length of time until we have a laboring population of our own. Our natives cannot be relied on. We have now virtually Japanese and Chinese, as field laborers, Japanese predominating, but it is very desirable to have both these nationalities in about even numbers. I am fully satisfied that Congress will enact laws that will both meet our requirements and protect the interests of our California neighbors. Surely they will not let us and our industries suffer for any sentimental reason."

FEMININE POLITICS.

Native Women and School Children Sign a Memorial.

The Hawaiian women composing the branch of the "Patriotic" league convened in Arion Hall at three o'clock yesterday afternoon. It was rumored that the meeting was to form a procession later and call on Commissioner Blount at the Snow Cottage; but inquiry proved the feminine politicians were innocent of such a design.

The meeting was announced to be for the transaction of business connected with the league's finances, but it soon transpired that the real object was to get signatures to a memorial asking that the Queen be restored, which had been drawn up and will hereafter be presented to Commissioner Blount.

Several hundred women attended the meeting and thronged the rooms and verandas while enrollment was going on at the table. Most of those present signed the document and it was afterwards taken out to get the names of school children, a process that is going on to-day.

The members of the Executive Committee have not met with so much encouragement as they hoped for in their endeavors to bring a majority of representative Hawaiian women into the political fold, as many remain where they believe they belong—at home with their families.

C. A. Brown Resigns.

C. A. Brown, the Tax Collector, has resigned and a new appointment will be made in a few days.

An Old Timer.

Dr. E. J. Overend, of the United States, Revenue Cutter, Richard Rush, was a resident of Honolulu some thirteen years ago. Since his arrival in port he has renewed acquaintances which were formed at that time. Among others may be mentioned that of L. C. Ables, who was a room mate of the doctor's as far back as the seventies; and although so long a period had elapsed since their last meeting both gentlemen recognized each other at a casual meeting on Fort street last Tuesday.

Cut-the-Flags.

Wenner & Co's decorations of American flags, at their store on Fort street, were mutilated last night by unknown parties. The flags were cut in two. Wenner & Co. will pay a reward for the apprehension of the rascals.

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THE HAWAIIAN REGULARS.

The New Uniforms—Complaints about Reckless Shooting Denied.

Eighty-five uniforms have been issued for the men at the barracks and the officers are all wearing their new trappings.

The new accoutrements consist of blue army caps with crossed cannons in front surmounted by the figure 1 in white silk; service belts for the officers and men, and dress belts for the officers. Dress helmets of blue cloth with gold cords and red plumes have been supplied to Colonel Soper, Lieut. Colonel J. H. Fisher and Major George McLeod.

All the uniforms are of the regular U. S. artillery pattern trimmed with red. The swords follow the U. S. regulations for service and are provided with two scabbards, one of bronze and one nickel-plated.

In answer to an inquiry about complaints from natives regarding reckless shooting at the barracks, Captain Good stated to a STAR reporter, that the complaints had arisen because some of the men had shot at half a dozen mangy dogs that hang about the front of the barracks. The shooting was done with a parlor rifle and light percussion cartridges, carrying no power; but it was stopped yesterday as soon as the complaints were made. The force of the cartridges used is only enough to bury the lead in a soft board at very short range, and could not possibly penetrate the frame of a dwelling as was claimed. Captain Good also states that he will shortly begin drill in the large shed with Springfield rifles charged with four grains of powder, which will be just sufficient to flatten the bullet against the iron target at 100 feet.

DESERTING SAILORS.

Rewards Out for the Arrest of Fifteen Seamen.

The war ships and whalers in port are having considerable trouble on account of the number of desertions.

The *Mohican* has the largest list of deserters and offers \$200 reward per head for the men. The following are still wanted: George Florenz, Richard Wells, Mikel Gunderson, Abbott L. Whitney, Alex. McDonald, John Frazer, and Steven Salles, \$120 worth.

The Boston offers a reward of \$10 each for the arrest of John J. Madden, Henry Klein and Aloi Alsen.

The whaling ship James Arnold is also a sufferer and has out a reward of \$10 each for James Hudley, Henry Krosfield, Peter Leison, George Thomas and August Baumgartner.

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